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Sir:

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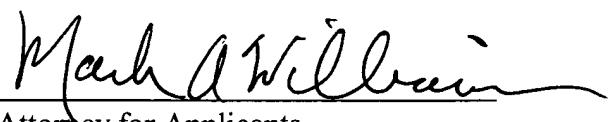
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10/411,189	Jiro Moriyama Hidehiko Kanda	April 11, 2003	2852
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JP '485 is discussed at pages 3 and 16 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein. US '606 corresponds to JP '485.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
		10-264485	10/1998	JAPAN			ABSTRACT

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